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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

SUZUKI, NAOYA

Examiner

Le H Luu

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 November 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 9-12 and 14-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 9-12, and 14-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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1. Claims 1-7, 9-12, and 14-24 are presented for examination.
2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

or

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

3. Claims 1-7, 9-12, and 14-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Cloutier et al. (Cloutier) patent no. 6,535,586.

4. As to claim 15, Cloutier teaches the invention as claimed, including a mobile communication terminal (col. 3 line 62 - col. 4 line 14; wireless communication device 170), comprising:

receiving means for receiving a mail-arrival notifying signal together with a summary of an electronic mail to make a notice that said electronic mail arriving at a prescribed mail server is an urgent mail (col. 4 line 61 - col. 5 line 23; col. 5 lines 40-60); and

transmitting means for transmitting an acquisition instructing signal to instruct acquisition of said urgent mail, to a prescribed information processing apparatus by radio communications for short distance, based on said mail-arrival notifying signal (col. 6 line 36 - col. 7 line 52).

5. As to claims 16-17, Cloutier teaches said receiving means receives said mail-arrival notifying signal over a public radio circuit network, and said receiving means receives said mail-arrival notifying signal from a prescribed mail-arrival monitoring apparatus which judges an electronic mail arriving said mail server, by radio communications for short distance (col. 2 lines 30-49; col. 3 lines 11-19).

6. As to claim 18, Cloutier teaches notifying means for notifying a user of arrival of said urgent mail, in response to said mail-arrival notifying signal received (col. 3 line 62 - col. 4 line 14).

7. As to claim 19, Cloutier teaches said transmitting means transmits said acquisition instructing signal including a Message-ID of an electronic mail that is judged as an urgent mail, included in said mail-arrival notifying signal (Abstract).

8. As to claim 20, Cloutier teaches said transmitting means transmits said acquisition instructing signal to a prescribed information processing apparatus by radio communications for short distance, in response to an operation button which is operated by a user to instruct transmission of said acquisition instructing signal (col. 2 lines 30-49; col. 6 line 36 - col. 7 line 25).

9. As to claims 1-7, 9-12, 14, and 21-24, limitations of claims 1-7, 9-12, 14, and 21-24 that are similar to limitations of claims 15-20 are being rejected under the same rationale. In addition, Cloutier teaches a mail server apparatus and mail arrival monitoring apparatus (col. 3 line 20 - col. 4 line 14). Moreover, Cloutier inherently teaches email's attachment or attached file.

10. In the remarks, applicant argued in substance that

(A) Prior art does not teach retrieving the entire email including an attached file.

As to point (A), Cloutier inherently teaches access device such as personal computer 190 can retrieve message including its attachment (col. 6 line 36 - col. 7 line 52).

(B) Prior art does not teach generating a summary of an email including information in an attachment file.

As to point (B), Office personnel are to give claims their broadest reasonable interpretation in light of the supporting disclosure. In re Morris, 127 F.3d 1048, 1054-55, 44 USPQ2d 1023, 1027-28 (Fed. Cir. 1997). Limitations appearing in the specification but not recited in the claim are not read into the claim. In re Prater, 415 F.2d 1393, 1404-05, 162 USPQ 541, 550-551 (CCPA 1969). See also In re Zletz, 893 F.2d 319, 321-22, 13 USPQ2d 1320, 1322 (Fed. Cir. 1989) ("During patent examination the pending claims must be interpreted as broadly as their terms reasonably allow.... The reason is simply that during patent prosecution when claims can be amended, ambiguities should be recognized, scope and breadth of language explored, and clarification imposed.... An essential purpose of patent examination is to fashion claims that are precise, clear, correct, and unambiguous. Only in this way can uncertainties of claim scope be removed, as much as possible, during the administrative process."). Therefore, limitations that are argued by applicant but are not in claimed language are not being considered by Examiner.

11. Applicant's arguments filed on 11/17/2004 have been fully considered but they are not deemed to be persuasive.

12. THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

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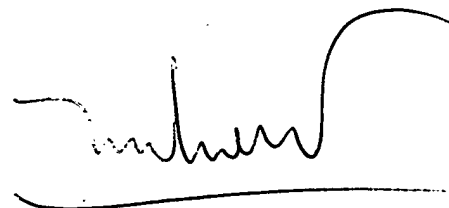
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13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Le H Luu whose telephone number is 571-272-3884.

The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00am - 4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia can be reached on 571-272-3880. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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